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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/522,577

Applicant(s)

TAKAHASHI ET AL.

Examiner

Chau N. Nguyen

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. (6,677,534) in view of Nohmi et al. (5,463,188).

Yamamoto et al. discloses a shield cable comprising: two insulated wires, having diameters not more than 0.3 mm (col. 5, lines 21-22) and covered with a shield conductor and a sheath, each of said insulated wires comprising a signal conductor covered with an insulator, said shield conductor consisting of a plurality of shield layers (5, 6, 9), wherein a first shield layer constituting the innermost layer (5) of said plurality of shield layers consists of a plurality of conductors spirally wound at a pitch; and said sheath and said plurality of shield layers integrally covering said insulated wires (re claim 1).

Yamamoto et al. does not disclose the pitch of 10 to 13 mm. Nohmi et al. discloses a shielded cable comprising a plurality of shield layers, wherein the

innermost shield layer (4) is comprised of a plurality of conductors spirally wound at a pitch of 10 to 13 mm (col. 1, lines 48-50 and col. 2, lines 56-58). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the innermost shield layer of Yamamoto et al. to have a winding pitch of 10 to 13 mm to prevent the spirally wound conductors from being broken even when the cable is being twisted or bent as taught by Nohmi et al.

Yamamoto et al. also discloses the second shield (6) being formed by spirally winding a plurality of conductors on the first shield layer in a counter winding direction relative to that of the first shield layer (col. 2, lines 16-19) (re claim 3), the second shield layer being formed by winding a plurality of conductors on the first shield layer spirally in the same winding direction as that of the first shield layer (col. 2, lines 29-33) (re claim 4), the scroll pitch of the second shield layer being not more than the scroll pitch of the first shield layer (col. 7, lines 28-39) (re claim 5), and the shield cable being used for signal wiring to pass through a hinged portion of an information apparatus (re claim 7). Re claims 6 and 8, although not specifically disclosed by Yamamoto et al., it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use a plurality of shield cables of Yamamoto et al. to form a wiring component having a connecting terminal portion provided at least at one end for multiple transmission purposes since a wiring component

comprising a plurality of shield cables, for multiple transmission purposes, with at least one connecting terminal portion at one end is well-known in the art.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Summary

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however,

will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1980. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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